



INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

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SEUS - Korea Joint Meeting

The 13th Joint Conference of the Southeast U.S. - Korea Economic Committee with the Korea - U.S. Economic Council took place in historic Williamsburg, Virginia on November 7 - 9. The conference brought leading Korean investors, traders and business executives together with their counterparts from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia in an effort to increase business and friendship between the two areas.

The conference featured opening remarks by Virginia Governor James Gilmore, III, and Korea - U.S. Economic Council Chairman P. H. Koo. The Florida/Korea Economic Cooperation Committee, chaired by Kimi Springsteen, also met during the conference to introduce new board members and review their annual report.

Consulate Re-opens

The Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Dong Chul Chang, and the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Burton Landy, have announced the re-establishment of the Honorary Consulate General of the Republic of Korea. A reception honoring the event will take place on December 9, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables.

International Cuisine

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, in association with the World Trade Center of Miami, will be hosting the "Americas Food and Beverage Trade Show and Conference" December 2-4, at the Miami Trade Center.

The show was designed to assist U.S. exporters in developing new markets in the Western Hemisphere, and offers unique opportunities to meet key executives from this region. The anticipated attendance is over 5,000 representatives of distribution companies, supermarket chains, wholesalers, retailers and hotel companies.

The exhibition will provide immediate access to current data on leading product sectors and country markets, sales promotion strategies, packaging requirements and trade financing. Foreign Agricultural Service Officers will also be on hand to provide assistance. For more information, contact the World Trade Center of Miami at (305) 871-7910.

Russian Opportunities

The American - Russian Chamber of Commerce will host the Third Annual Russia - Latin America Gateway to Trade and Investment Conference. The conference will take place December 13 - 15, at the

Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Towers in Miami. For more information, contact the American - Russian Chamber of Commerce at (305) 377-9400.

Overseas Security

The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, will hold its Annual Overseas Security Advisory Council Southeastern Regional Meeting on December 2 - 3. This year's conference will be held at Home Depot's Corporate Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

The topics addressed will include an assessment of the worldwide terrorist threat, the role of the American Embassy's Regional Security Officer in providing security guidance to U.S. business interests overseas, the worldwide criminal threat, and the industrial espionage threat to U.S. businesses. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security in Miami at (305) 536-1853.

Coming Soon

The Office of International Relations will be adding a new comprehensive law enforcement section to our current internet site. The section has been designed to offer assistance to law enforcement officers when a foreign national is arrested or detained in Florida. Check our site soon at:

<http://www.dos.state.fl.us/oir/index.html>.